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REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on September 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Choudhury and Examiner Winder for attending the teleconference meeting on October 6, 2005 to discuss patentability of the pending claims. The interview included a discussion regarding the invention as recited in claim 1 in light of DuFresne, U.S. Patent 5,835,712. Examiner Winder was persuaded by our arguments regarding patentability and requested that Claims 19 and 20 either be cancelled or modified to include the patentable distinctions found in claim 1. Applicants have amended claims 19 and 20 in accordance with the Examiner Winder's instructions.

Applicants are appreciative that both Examiner Choudhury and Examiner Winder took the time to review the claims and review the prior art and discuss the pending claims. Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney of record if a discussion would be helpful towards furthering prosecution of the present application.

CONCLUSION

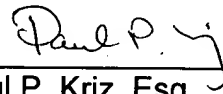
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after reviewing this Response, that the pending claims are not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant(s) Representative at the number below.

Applicants submit a petition for a one-month extension of time and hereby petition for any additional extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned Attorney at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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